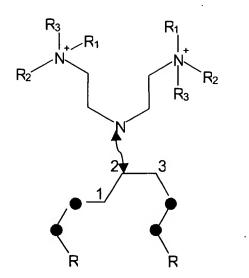
structure S'. Structure S is characterized with reduced main phase transition temperature, thus increased fluidity and high elasticity (FIG. 9). Thus, increasing the distance between the saturated acyl chains of a double-chained cationic lipid (structure S) increases the conformational disorder of the lipid, resulting in a bilayer of increased fluidity.

EXAMPLE 13

The pH-dependent dimension of the bifunctional polar head group was also simulated using semi-empirical quantum mechanical methods (FIG. 10).

Claims

- 1. Aqueous lipid dispersions made by double-chained cationic lipids that have a bifunctional polar head and the two hydrophobic chains composed of linear alkyl (saturated) hydrocarbons are at position 1 and 3 as shown below, for nucleic acid, peptide and other synthetic molecule drug delivery.
- 2. The delivery system of claim 1, and any other ingredient that is added to the system of claim 1 for activity or other technical reasons.



Structure S of cationic lipids.

$$R = C_{11}H_{23}, C_{13}H_{27}, C_{15}H_{31}, C_{17}H_{35}$$
 (linear chains)

$$R_1 = H, CH_3, -C(NH_2).NH$$

$$R_2=H$$
, CH_3

$$R_3 = H, CH_3$$

connector : -CH₂-, -CO-, -OCO-, CH₂CH₂, -CH₂CO-, CH₂OCO-, -CH₂CH₂CO-, -CH₂CH₂OCO-

SCHEME I

OH RCOCI

TEA

NH₂

NH₂

$$O = C$$
 $C = O$
 R
 $O = C$
 $C = O$
 R
 R
 $O = C$
 $C = O$
 R
 R
 $O = C$
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SCHEME II